

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing an originating party of a call or message with message-recipient local information local to a receiving party of the call or message comprising the steps of:

identifying an attempt to send originate a mobile call or a message from a sending the originating party to a receiving handheld device of [[a]] the receiving party, wherein said mobile message is a text message;

prompting the originating party to decide whether or not to receive information local to the receiving party;

responsive to said identifying step upon the originating party deciding to receive the information local to the receiving party, sending a request for the local information to a service provider of the receiving party from a service provider of the originating party;

retrieving the information local to said receiving party by the service provider of the receiving party, wherein said local information comprises a current time, date, and location of said receiving handheld device and information indicating whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed;

~~responsive to said retrieving step, providing said retrieved local information to said sending party;~~

~~responsive to said providing step, querying the sending originating party as to whether to display the current location information for of said receiving party when said local information is provided to said sending party;~~

supplying the retrieved local information to the originating party, wherein whether or not the current location information of the receiving party is displayed depends on an answer of the originating party to the query;

prompting the sending party to select an appropriate action among available actions upon receiving the local information of the receiving party, wherein the available actions include connecting the call or message to the receiving party, sending the call or message to a voicemail or mail box of the receiving party, and disconnecting the call or message; and

~~receiving an indication from said~~ if the originating sending party indicates that the call or message is urgent; ~~and, determining whether to send an alert signal to said receiving handheld device based on said determined local information and said received indication.~~

2-7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A system for providing ~~location-based recipient information~~ an originating party of a call or message with information local to a receiving party of the call or message comprising:

means for identifying an attempt to originate a call or a message from the originating party to a receiving device of the receiving party;

means for prompting the originating party to decide whether or not to receive information local to the receiving party;

means for, upon the originating party deciding to receive the information local to the receiving party, sending a request for the local information to a service provider of the receiving party from a service provider of the originating party;

means for retrieving the information local to the receiving party by the service provider of the receiving party, wherein the local information comprises a current time,

date, and location of the receiving device and information indicating whether the receiving party is not to be disturbed;

means for querying the originating party as to whether to display the current location information of the receiving party;

means for supplying the retrieved local information to the originating party, wherein whether or not the current location information of the receiving party is displayed depends on an answer of the originating party to the query;

means for prompting the sending party to select an appropriate action among available actions upon receiving the local information of the receiving party, wherein the available actions include connecting the call or message to the receiving party, sending the call or message to a voicemail or mail box of the receiving party, and disconnecting the call or message; and

means for, if the originating party indicates that the call or message is urgent, determining whether to send an alert signal to said receiving device based on said determined local information and said received indication

~~a wireless service provider for providing wireless telephony services to a network of handheld devices; and,~~

~~a notification system configured to provide call recipient information associated with a receiving party in response to an attempt to send a text message from a first handheld device associated with a sending party to a second handheld device associated with said receiving party in said network, said call recipient information comprising current location information for said second handheld device, local information acquired from a time source, and receiving party information, said receiving party information indicating whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed, wherein said notification system is further configured to query the sending party as to whether to display the current location information for said receiving party when said local information is provided to said sending party, wherein said notification system is further configured to acquire said local information prior to sending said text message, wherein said~~

~~notification system is yet further configured to delay sending said text message until a decision to affirmatively send said text message is made by said sending party based on said provided call recipient information, wherein said notification system being still further configured to prompt said sending party to indicate whether the text message is urgent, wherein said notification system is further configured to send an alert signal to said receiving handheld device based on said indication of said sending party and said local information.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a computer for causing the computer to perform a method for providing an originating party of a call or message with information local to a receiving party of the call or message with the steps of:

identifying an attempt to send originate a mobile call or a message from a sending the originating party to a receiving handheld device of [[a]] the receiving party, wherein said mobile message is a text message;

prompting the originating party to decide whether or not to receive information local to the receiving party;

responsive to said identifying step upon the originating party deciding to receive the information local to the receiving party, sending a request for the local information to a service provider of the receiving party from a service provider of the originating party;

retrieving the information local to said receiving party by the service provider of the receiving party, wherein said local information comprises a current time, date, and location of said receiving handheld device and information indicating whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed;

~~responsive to said retrieving step, providing said retrieved local information to said sending party;~~

~~responsive to said providing step, querying the sending originating party as to whether to display the current location information for of said receiving party when said local information is provided to said sending party;~~

~~supplying the retrieved local information to the originating party, wherein whether or not the current location information of the receiving party is displayed depends on an answer of the originating party to the query;~~

~~prompting the sending party to select an appropriate action among available actions upon receiving the local information of the receiving party, wherein the available actions include connecting the call or message to the receiving party, sending the call or message to a voicemail or mail box of the receiving party, and disconnecting the call or message; and~~

~~receiving an indication from said if the originating sending party indicates that the call or message is urgent; and, determining whether to send an alert signal to said receiving ~~handheld~~ device based on said determined local information and said received indication.~~

10-22. (Cancelled).